

SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC
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AGENDA

January 15, 2004
8:30 AM
Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (11/20/2003)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

Report on DOJ's Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Program
Pursuit of Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant funds
Other

New Business

Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting
Gasoline spill at I-55, Exit 82
2003 Tier II forms
Other
Other

Next meeting: March 18, 2004

Motion to adjourn

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Minutes of the Sangamon County LEPC Meeting – January 15, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: P.J. Becker, CWLP; John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County ESDA; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (Retired), Bryon Honea, Illiopolis Police Department; Mike Moos, Sherman ESDA; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad, and Anu Singh, Kincaid Generation.

Matt Helms made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2003, Sangamon County LEPC meeting as presented, seconded by John Brennan. Mike Moos noted that his name was misspelled at the last line. The minutes were unanimously accepted with this correction.

After self-introductions were made, the chair recognized 2 visitors: Matt Roberts, Springfield Department of Public Health, and Bob Reside, Springfield Fire Department. The chair noted that Matt was attending his second consecutive LEPC meeting. Brian Churchill made a motion to add Matt Roberts to the membership of our Sangamon County LEPC, seconded by Bill Russell. The vote to bring Matt Roberts onto the LEPC was unanimous.

Old Business

The chair gave a presentation on the Office for Domestic Preparedness Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Program. Numerous LEPC members were part of the assessment function. In the next 4 weeks, our Region 14 needs to approve a series of projects to be funded by this program. Training and equipment for weapons of mass destruction can directly benefit preparedness for hazardous materials. The Sangamon County Board Chairman is interested in pursuing interoperable communications upgrades for law enforcement patrol vehicles. Mike Moos provided information on another grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System for similar equipment.

The chair next briefed the committee on actions taken in response to the LEPC motion at the November meeting to seek funds to develop an updated hazardous materials annex. A written inquiry went to IEMA (Dave Smith, Jim Sullivan, Lori Canterbury and Russ Steil) on 12/1/03, on this matter. Jim Sullivan made a telephone response to gather more information and voiced a generally favorable position. However, IEMA wants to issue funds from the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning grant only after executing a grant agreement. One of these still needs to be created. The chair expressed his hope that Matt Helms can be retained to write this annex.

New Business

Bob Reside, SFD Deputy Division Chief of Operations, gave a review of the gasoline spill at Hwy. I-55, Exit 82, on December 12, 2003. Bob was staff duty officer for SFD during that week. Chief Randy Rhodes, Divernon Fire Department, was incident commander. Bill Russell was also at the scene representing ESDA and David Butt activated the county EOC during the event. They each added a few comments after Bob completed his presentation.

Anu Singh presented information on the Lake Sanchris dam breach tabletop exercise which was conducted by Kincaid Generation on November 20, 2003. Bill Russell discussed the drowning on the Sangamon River which occurred on December 26, 2003, and the recovery attempts for the victim which are still ongoing. Bryon Honea updated the committee on the ongoing clean-up of the whey dumped near the village of Illiopolis wells (see minutes of September 18, 2003, LEPC meeting).

Our next meeting will be March 18, 2004. A motion was made by Tom Fraase to adjourn with second by P.J. Becker. It carried unanimously and adjournment was at 9:42.